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**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED JANUARY 14, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions for an extension of time of one month to and including March 14, 2004 in which to respond to the Office Action dated January 14, 2004.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the fee of \$110.00 to Deposit Account No. 01-2508/11362.0025.DVUS03 for a one month extension of time. Should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason

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relating to the enclosed materials, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct said fees from
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